

To: All of Council  
Mayor: Sam Keller  
SSD: Tom Braun  
Chief of Police: Emmett Stone

9/4/19

A meeting of Laws, Rules and Ord. met on Tues. Sept.3 at 6:45 at City Hall, prior to our regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

In Attendance:

Law Director: Kim Erdman Rohr, Pres of Council: Mark Waters,  
Council Members: Dave Voss and Gail Griffin  
Committee: Members: Jim Sunderhaus, Rae Jean Hardig, Alana Tucker and Chair, Kitty Zech  
Residents: Debbie McKinney Slaughter, John Hardig, Kerry Smyth

Topic under discussion:

HB 228 .re: Firearms/Weapons- namely the amendment to ORC 9.68 – strengthening citizens' rights when suing Municipalities for restricting 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights - scheduled to go into effect Dec. 28, 2019. Municipalities such as Cheviot will need to amend any local Ordinances that conflict with State Law to avoid potential legal action against them.

The Law Director's written research, findings and options were presented, explained and discussed.

The recommendation of the majority of Committee Members, is to update Cheviot's Weapons Control Ordinances, (Chapter 137,) to mirror the State codes. It was the consensus of the committee and most others in attendance that this is our best course of action.

To accomplish this:

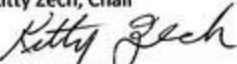
1. Ord. 137.08 which prohibits the discharge of a Firearm in City limits, except in self-defense will remain as written as it does not conflict with State Law.
2. Other Cheviot Weapon Control Ordinances contained in Chapter 137 need only minor changes, and will be amended to contain the same exact language as ORC 9.68.

Having a parallel ordinance gives the City more flexibility since State Law violations cannot be prosecuted in Cheviot's Mayor's Court.

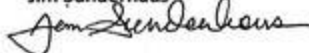
The Law Director will draft an amended ordinance with the necessary changes. The ordinance will have 3 readings

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Zech, Chair



Jim Sunderhaus



Alana Tucker



Rae Jean Hardig

